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Dear Sir:

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-7 and 13-21. The Applicant now submits this response the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

The Applicant agrees with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that the claims of the present invention are patentable over the references in the record. The Applicant expressly traverses the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that any comment is intended or has the effect of limiting a claim scope, explicitly or implicitly, by not reciting verbatim the respective claim language, or is intended or has the effect of limiting a claim scope by stating or implying that all the reasons for patentability are in any way fully enumerated.

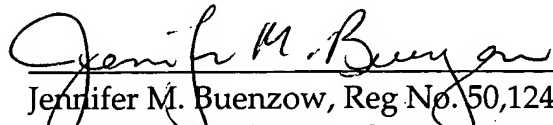
For example, in the specification at page 6, lines 5-10 and in FIG. 2 and FIG. 4, equally sized, rounded notches are disclosed in an alternative equivalent embodiment. Based on this disclosure, Applicant traverses the Examiner's statement that "[n]o equivalents to the saw-tooth leading edge recesses are set

forth by applicant, and none are seen to exist by the examiner" as this implies that the means plus function claim language only covers the alternative equivalent embodiments as set forth in the specification, as opposed to any alternative equivalent embodiments. The statement as made by the Examiner does not provide for the broadest reasonable interpretation of the claim.

Respectfully submitted,  
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